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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Patricia L Engle

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brown et al. (US Patent 6,152,512).

Regarding claim 1, Brown et al. disclose a glove box assembly for a vehicle, comprising: a housing (12) selectively mounted in one of the left and right sides of an instrument panel from a driver's seat of the vehicle; a lid (24,14) rotatably attached to a front part of the housing; a knob (22) rotatably fitted in the lid (24,14) such that the housing (12) is opened or closed by the lid (350); and an identifying member (92) that identifies the knob (22) fitted into the lid (24,14), said identifying member configured to ensure that the knob is coupled to an appropriate one of the left side mounted housing and the right side mounted housing.

Regarding claim 2, Brown et al. disclose the assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein the identifying member comprises: a guide groove (112) formed on a portion of the lid (24); and a guide protrusion (92) formed at the knob (22) such that the guide protrusion (92) is inserted into the guide groove (112).

Regarding claims 3, 8 and 9, Brown et al. disclose a glove box assembly, comprising: a housing (12) selectively mounted to one of a left side and a right side of a vehicle; a lid (24,14) attached to the housing; and a knob (22) attached to the lid; wherein the lid and the knob have

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identifying structures (92,112), the identifying structures being configured to cooperate in predetermined orientations to prevent mismounting of the knob (22) to the lid.

Regarding claims 4 and 10, Brown et al. disclose the glove box assembly according to claim 3, wherein the identifying structures comprise: a portion protruding (92) from the knob; and a groove (112) formed on the lid, the groove (112) being configured to identify and receive the protruding portion (92) corresponding to the predetermined orientation.

Regarding claims 5 and 11, Brown et al. disclose the glove box assembly according to claim 3, wherein the knob (22) is rotatable.

Regarding claim 6, Brown et al. disclose the glove box assembly according to claim 3, wherein the knob (22) is attached to a center area of an upper portion of the lid (24,14) via the identifying structure (92,112).

Regarding claims 7 and 12, Brown et al. disclose the glove box assembly according to claim 4, wherein the grooves (112) of the two selected lids are on the portion of the lid facing the housing.

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments filed October 22, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues that the Brown et al. reference do not disclose a knob with right and left identifying features. The claims state that the identifying member is configured to ensure that the knob is mounted on an lid which is mounted at different locations. Even though Brown discloses a knob with symmetrical identifying features it would still ensure that the knob was properly mounted to the lid. What structure of the identifying member makes the

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identifying member of the application different from the Brown et al. reference. The protrusion of Brown et al. is used to properly mounted the knob on the lid. The lid can then be mounted at any location in the vehicle. The Examiner is unclear what the difference between the identifying structures. The Applicant argues that Figures 3a and 3b show the difference of the identifying knobs. The Examiner does not see a difference in the knob on the lid or even how the slot would prevent the knob from being installed incorrectly.

The Applicants' requested that the Examiner review the IDS that was submitted on March 26, 2004. The file that the Examiner has does not contain an IDS, therefore the Examiner is unable to consider the IDS.

### *Conclusion*

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

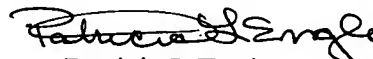
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patricia L Engle whose telephone number is (703) 306-5777.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, D. Glenn Dayoan can be reached on (703) 308-3102. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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